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1970½ Falcon
Jim Reese
Columbia, Missouri

ON THE COVER

Jim Reese's 1970½ Falcon

Jim Reese (FCA #12170) of Columbia, Missouri had a plan for his Falcon—give it lots of power, make it look good, and keep the upgrades within a budget.



His vision included a great driving car with upgraded heads, manifold, roller rockers, cam, and EFI. Adding in some exterior upgrades like five-spoke wheels gave the Falcon a new look and new tires improved its traction. An MSD Atomic EFI unit and they designed an aluminum diamond plate fuel tank to accompany it. They rebuilt traction bars and built frame connectors. They added a hood tachometer like a Twister Special Torino and a GT hood scoop.

With the help of some good friends, the Falcon turned out just as he planned. Jim now has a car that he loves to drive and show off. He has shared his story and photos with us this month and that can be found on page 12.

Founder Roy Sword Remembered



The FCA has lost a dear part of its family. Roy Sword (FCA #1), founder of the Falcon Club of America passed away Sunday, September 11th. He will be remembered for his love for family, friends and Falcons. Our sympathy to Pat, Chris, Mark, Mark Jr., Denise, and to all of the Sword family.

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Cliff McKay
FCA President

Please give the Northeast Chapter and Carolinas Chapter folks a hearty round of applause for putting on great regionals. Northeast Chapter's 18th FCA Regional in Sturbridge, Massachusetts was held this past August and Carolinas Chapter's 12th FCA Regional was held in Kannapolis, North Carolina this past September. I trust everyone who was able to attend these events had a great time. I was hoping to make it to the River City Chapter's Fall Regional in Rancho Cordova, California this month. Even though I'm supposedly retired, it sure seems hard for me to get away these days. Those of you who have never had a hand in pulling together a regional or a national event might really be surprised at just how much effort and detail goes into their planning.

I highly recommend that you all plan to attend next year's 2017 FCA National Meet in Sacramento, California. The event is being held at the Lions Gate Hotel & Conference Center which is quite nice. Check out the 2017 Nationals website and submit your helpful suggestions. As usual I urge you to make your hotel reservations EARLY to insure you get a room at the event hotel.

I again would like to point out the need for our chapters to keep in contact with their respective Regional Directors. These guys are volunteering their time and effort to assist you with about anything you ask of them. They need to know what is going on, such as when chapters elect new officers.

"Hope all of you have a great fall car show season. Get out there and show off those great Falcons!"

Please keep in touch and keep them up to date. They need current membership rosters once a year, preferably in January and February so they can do their reports on the status of each chapter. They also help coordinate which chapters in each region are having events and then try to minimize any scheduling conflicts. These Directors are there for your benefit and are a voice to the Board of Directors and me. Remember to thank them occasionally for doing this volunteer work.

I hope all of you have a great fall car show season. Get out there and show off those great Falcons! Take the kids and grandkids to car shows and, when appropriate, even encourage them to get a Falcon of their own. Make some new friends, find some new Falcons in your area, and generate interest by assisting others in finding their own Falcon. Spread the love for our great cars and the word about our friendly club.

Food for thought—there is already tentative planning going on for a Falcon Migration to Sacramento that will commence on the East Coast. Last I heard they are thinking a very northern track is in order this time. Watch for that information in upcoming editions of *The National Falcon News*.

Remember also to get out next month and exercise your right to vote. Take care. God bless us one and all. Have a great fall season in all those fabulous Falcons!

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987)
Peck, Kansas



Mid America Chapter Visits Happy Days Dream Cars

For their June meeting, Mid America Chapter members braved the midwestern heat and humidity and took a drive to Warrensburg, Missouri. Their flock of colorful Falcons created quite a scene as they passed along the streets. Many stopped to stare at the birds in this college town, located about an hour's drive east of Kansas City.

The group's final destination was Happy Days Dream Cars. Owners John and Helen Meyers have grown their business from a retirement hobby into a dealership with a regular inventory of 30 to 40 cars. The 16,000 square foot Happy Days showroom holds a gorgeous variety of original classics, street rods, muscle cars and trucks. The facility was a perfect spot to congregate, look at a variety of classic cars, and conduct some chapter business.

Mid America Chapter member Richard Kelleher (FCA #15438) was the host for the evening. He greeted members at the door adorned with a magician's hat and offered each snacks and bottled water. He then entertained guests with card tricks and a game of Car Scrabble, with winners receiving some great door prizes. Visitors were free to roam,

admire the cars on the floor and congregate for the usual "Falcon talk."

President Jim Boyer conducted the Chapter's business meeting with 25 members in attendance. Eight members drove their Falcons. The Falcons then cruised for a short distance to downtown Warrensburg for dinner at Heroes Restaurant and Pub, a local favorite where all enjoyed the meal and the conversations.

—Photos by Richard Kelleher (FCA #15438)
Warrensburg, Missouri





Richard Kelleher served as host for the evening. He and his Car Scrabble board welcomed members. Guests were free to admire the classic cars and visit until the business meeting.

Mid America members converse while waiting for their food at a local establishment, Heroes Restaurant and Pub.



Mid America Falconers gather for their June meeting, admire some classic cars, and parade through Warrensburg, Missouri on their way to dinner at a downtown restaurant.

Falcon Club of America

2016 Business Meeting Minutes

The 37th annual Falcon Club of America (FCA) National Business Meeting was held at 2:00 PM July 16, 2016, in the Lower Dells A/I at the Ho Chunk Casino Hotel, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

WELCOME

Falcon Club of America President Cliff McKay welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Northlands, Raptor and Lake Michigan Chapters for hosting this annual meeting. The members gave them a round of applause.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS, CHAPTER ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

Introduction of Officers

President McKay introduced FCA Board members and officers and noted that Denise Sword was unable to attend this meeting.

President McKay asked for a moment of silence for FCA members we have lost this past year:

Star City—Ruby Vest
Carolinas—Jim Knapik
Keystone—Don Snyder
Sonoma—Drago Dollar
Gateway—Shirley Albert
Virginia—Bill Carl and Lee Salisbury

President McKay recognized approximately three FCA members that were attending their first FCA National Meeting.

Chapter Roll Call

President McKay asked Russ Welty, the Chapter Coordinator, to have the Regional Directors call the roll of their chapters with members in attendance.

North Eastern Regional Director John Howard introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Hoosier, Northeast and Ohio Valley.

Northeast will hold a Regional Meet in August.

South Eastern Regional Director Dave Wagner introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Carolinas Falcon, Mason Dixon, Southeast, Star City, Suncoast, Tennessee Valley Falcons and the Virginia Falcons Chapters.

Carolinas will hold a Regional Meet September 30th to October 1st.

Virginia will hold a show in May.

Tennessee Valley will hold a Regional September 29th to September 30th.

North Central Regional Director Jack Ellis introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Gateway, Lake Michigan, Metro Detroit, Mid-America, Northland, Raptor and the Wheat State Chapters.

South Central Regional Director Mike Sigler introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Founders, Gulf States and the Southern Coast Falcons Chapters.

Southern Coast will hold a Regional Meet in Pensacola, Florida March 24th to March 25th.

Bon Temps will hold a Regional Meet in Gonzales, Louisiana (Baton Rouge) April 21st to April 22nd.

South Western Regional Director Frank Bell introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Capital City, Heart of Texas, Sooner State and the Third Coast Chapters.

Mountain Regional Director Ron Brown introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Arizona and Mile-Hi Chapters.

The Mile Hi Chapter is celebrating 30 years as a chapter this year!

Pacific Regional Director Monte Brachmann wasn't in attendance. Al Aiello, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Golden Gate, River City, SoCal and the Sonoma County Falcons Chapters.

Regional in Sacramento October 7 to October 8.

President McKay thanked the Regional Directors for the work they do for the FCA.

Misty Sigler, Recording Secretary

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

At the request of President McKay, FCA Treasurer Pam Dinzebach gave the following banking summary for the period 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016:

FCA Banking Summary 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016

INCOME

Advertisement Income	\$24,200.50
Dues	\$75,188.35
TOTAL INCOME	\$99,388.85

EXPENSES

Fees	\$990.00
Corresponding Secretary	\$4,800.00
Insurance	\$2,443.00
Loan Repayment	\$0.00
Other Expense	\$1,441.82
Postage	\$23,742.80*
Printing	\$50,791.01
Publication Expense	\$13,147.63
Supplies	\$80.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$97,436.27

OVERALL TOTAL \$1,952.58

**Balance transfer amounts are mostly postage, therefore included with the postage expense.*

Club Store Report

At the request of President McKay, Bonnie Stringer gave the following store banking summary for the period 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016:

FCA Club Store Banking Summary 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016

INFLOW

Gross sales	\$4,254.00
Petty cash from 2015	\$50.00*
TOTAL INFLOW	\$4,254.00

OUTFLOW

Convention Pins for 2016	\$501.00
Bank Charges (Checks)	\$47.25
Credit Card Expense	\$36.73
Postage 2015	\$24.45
Postage 2016	\$78.91*
Stock	\$2,564.75
Stipend	\$200.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW	\$4,040.97

TOTAL OVERALL \$213.03

**Includes \$50 Petty Cash held from 2015 used for postage in December 2015 and June 2016*

Bonnie also noted that we gained three new FCA members at the meet.

Magazine Editor's Report

Janet Wilkerson thanked everyone for submitting items to be published and it was noted that the magazine earned a Golden Quill Award this year as well.

Audit Committee Report

At the request of President McKay, Jerry Nordboe reported for the Audit Committee. Jerry noted that he worked with Steve Hammond, Barry Fischer and Colleen Ellis on this year's audit. Jerry said they reviewed the club's income and expense

reports, individual transaction reports and spot-checked some invoices. They found no problems and took no exceptions to the records.

President McKay thanked the Audit Committee for their work.

OLD BUSINESS

FCA Tax Status

President McKay noted that we filed our first taxes since our new tax status and everything is looking good.

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FCA 2016 Business Meeting Minutes

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NEW BUSINESS

By-Law Amendment(s)

An amendment of the By-Laws requires at least a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership at the annual business meeting.

Article 3 Membership

- 3.5.5 Each chapter agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless the FCA for any and all claims of any kind incurred by a local chapter.

Article 4 Officers – Elections & Management

- 4.1 Elected officers are President and Vice-President. The authorized number of Directors who are elected and constitute the Board of Directors shall be five.
- 4.1.1 Terms of office for President and Vice-President are one year.
- 4.1.2 Terms of office for Board members are five years.
- 4.1.2.1 After five years the member must sit off the Board for one year before being nominated for another term.
- 4.1.2.2 Only one active member from each chapter may serve as a Board member, at any given time. A chapter is defined as the home chapter or the chapter located in the area nearest to where the member resides.
- 4.1.3 Election of the President, Vice President and Directors is at the National Meet business meeting by vote of the general membership.
- 4.1.3.1 Only paid up members of the FCA and their spouses can vote in the elections.
- 4.2 Volunteer officers are Club Store Manager, Chapter Coordinator, Regional Directors, Internet Director, Head Technical Advisor, Technical Advisors, Social Media Director and Three (3) Auditors. Appointments are approved by the Board of Directors. The Magazine Editor/ Advertising Director and Membership Secretary are contractors who must enter into written contracts with the FCA. Such contracts must be negotiated or approved by the Board.
- 4.2.1 Terms of office for volunteer officers are agreed to by the volunteer and the Board.
- 4.2.2 Terms of contracts for contractors are set by the Board.
- 4.3 Appointed officers are: Treasurer and Recording Secretary
- 4.3.1 Terms of office for appointed officers are one year.
- 4.3.2 Appointments are made by the Board of Directors at the National Meet.

- 4.4 Requirements for election to an office or the Board in the FCA are:

- 4.4.1 Minimum age of 21.
- 4.4.2 A member in good standing with the FCA.
- 4.4.3 All candidates must be present at the National Meet.
- 4.4.4 All candidates must have attended three of the last five National meets.
- 4.4.5 Commercial vendors (deriving their livelihood, other than hobby) may not hold a National office.

- 4.5 Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer are as follows and as set forth in more detail in the Officer and Director Handbook:

4.5.1 President

- 4.5.1.1 General charge and supervision of the activities of the FCA.
- 4.5.1.2 Improvement of the FCA through increased publicity, activities and status.
- 4.5.1.3 Coordination of the FCA functions with other clubs as required.
- 4.5.1.4 Promote FCA social activities.
- 4.5.1.5 Chair Officers' meetings and Business meetings.

4.5.2 Vice-President

- 4.5.2.1 Serve as an alternate for the President in the President's absence.
- 4.5.2.2 Assist in implementing FCA policy.
- 4.5.2.3 Chair special committees as appointed by the Board.

4.5.3 Recording Secretary

- 4.5.3.1 Prepare minutes of the FCA Business meeting
- 4.5.3.2 Prepare minutes of the FCA Officers' meeting.
- 4.5.3.3 Maintain FCA Officer and Director Handbook and FCA records, other than those maintained by the Treasurer.
- 4.5.3.4 Prepare FCA correspondence as requested by FCA President or Board.

4.5.4 Treasurer

- 4.5.4.1 Account for FCA finances and provide reports as requested by the President, Vice President and Board.
- 4.5.4.2 Disburse approved funds for authorized FCA expenses.
- 4.5.4.3 Serve as interface with the CPA tax firm for FCA finances.

- 4.6 The Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of Volunteer Officers and Contractors listed below are as follows and as set forth in the Officers' and Directors' Handbook:

4.6.1 Regional Directors

- 4.6.1.1 Approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4.6.1.2 Assist FCA chapters as requested.
- 4.6.1.3 Maintain chapter membership rosters for their regions and provide updates to the Chapter Coordinator.
- 4.6.1.4 Notify the last known contact if the chapter is in danger of being removed from the "Chapters by Region" list for failure to supply a membership roster.
- 4.6.1.5 Assist Chapter Coordinator to facilitate the formation or reactivation of FCA chapters.

4.6.2 Chapter Coordinator

- 4.6.2.1 Supply an application package and act as a FCA board liaison for groups interested in forming new chapters.
- 4.6.2.2 Keep Regional Directors informed of new chapter requests.
- 4.6.2.3 Submit completed chapter applications to the President for approval by the Board.
- 4.6.2.4 Receive "Chapters by Region" information from Regional Directors and supply to the Recording Secretary and Magazine Editor.
- 4.6.2.5 Forward chapter updates to the Internet Director as received.

4.6.3 Club Store Manager

- 4.6.3.1 Manage the FCA Club Store inventory.
- 4.6.3.2 Ensure the Club Store is available for members at the National Meet.
- 4.6.3.3 Present financial records for FCA annual audit.

4.6.4 Magazine Editor / Adver. Director

- 4.6.4.1 Fulfill duties as set forth in the contract with the FCA.
- 4.6.4.2 Edits and publish a monthly FCA magazine.
- 4.6.4.3 Present report at Officers' Meeting.

4.6.5 Internet Director

- 4.6.5.1 Manages the electronic information for the FCA web site.

4.6.6 Technical Advisors

- 4.6.6.1 Provide assistance to the general membership as required regarding the restoration, maintenance and technical specifications of the Falcon automobile.
- 4.6.6.2 Seek advice / assistance from Head Technical Advisor as necessary.

4.6.7 Head Technical Advisor

- 4.6.7.1 Appoint Technical Advisors for sub categories as deemed appropriate.

- 4.6.7.2 Provide advice / assistance to Technical Advisors as necessary.

4.6.8 Membership Secretary

- 4.6.8.1 Fulfill duties as set forth in the contract with the FCA.
- 4.6.8.2 Maintain the database of current and past members.
- 4.6.8.3 Handles inquiries from persons interested in joining the club and mails them the New Members package.

4.6.9 Auditors

- 4.6.9.1 Audit the books of the Treasurer and Club Store yearly at the National Meet and report at the annual Business Meeting.
- 4.6.9.2 Audit at any time during the year if there is a change in Treasurers.

4.6.10 Social Media Director

- 4.6.10.1 Establish an FCA presence on social media sites.
- 4.6.10.2 Monitor activity on FCA social media sites.

4.7 The Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of the FCA Board of Directors are as follows:

Board of Directors

- 4.7.1 Manage the activities and affairs of the FCA and resolve FCA issues brought to its attention by the President or Vice President.
- 4.7.2 Hold annual, regular or special meetings.
 - 4.7.2.1 Plan and conduct annual meeting at the National Meet.
 - 4.7.2.2 Ensure a quorum of a majority of Directors then in office is in attendance for conducting FCA business.
 - 4.7.2.3 Select a chair and secretary for each meeting. The chair and secretary may be the same person.
 - 4.7.2.4 President and Vice President shall attend Board meetings if they are available, but shall not be entitled to vote.
 - 4.7.2.5 May conduct a Directors only meeting.
- 4.7.3 Grant or assign additional duties, responsibilities and powers to the elected, appointed and volunteer officers. These duties, responsibilities and powers will be enumerated in the Officer and Director Handbook.
- 4.7.4 Approve the terms and the form of contracts to be entered into by the FCA and contractors.

Charlie Mann made a motion that we accept the changes as published. Russ Welty seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Election of Officers and Board Member(s)

President McKay advised that the offices of President, Vice-President and one position on the FCA Board of Directors were up for election at this time and asked for nominations for a five (5) year term on the Board of Directors.

Bonnie Stringer nominated Mike Sigler.

The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. President McKay closed the nominations for the FCA Board of Directors. Mike Sigler was elected to the Board by acclamation and his term will begin September 1, 2016 for a period of five years.

President McKay asked for nominations for Vice President of the FCA. Mary Wagner was nominated for re-election. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. President McKay closed the nominations for Vice President. Mary Wagner was re-elected Vice President of the FCA for 2016–2017 by acclamation.

President McKay turned the meeting over to Mary Wagner who asked for nominations for FCA President.

Cliff McKay was nominated for re-election. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. Mary closed the nominations for President. Cliff McKay was re-elected President of the FCA for 2016–2017 by acclamation.

President McKay thanked the members for their vote.

Volunteer Officers Affirmation

Misty Sigler agreed to remain as FCA Recording Secretary and Denise Sword agreed to remain as FCA Membership Secretary for one more year. Jerry Nordboe agreed to act as interim FCA Treasurer.

2017 National Meeting

Ray Johnson and Al Aiello updated the members on the 2017 FCA National Meet to be held in Sacramento, California on July 12–17, 2017 at the Lion's Gate Hotel.

Miscellaneous

Wally Tirado mentioned that the FCA website was up and running and that all should submit pictures from the meet if possible. Also, chapter websites are available and will help cover the internet fees for the FCA.

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President McKay noted that the FCA 2018 National Meet will be held in Wichita and hosted by the Wheat State Chapter.

It was mentioned that we need to put four door sedans in their own voting class.

It was also mentioned that we need a "Meet Director" so that the chapters aren't trying to reinvent the wheel at each National Meet.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was on motion of Jack Ellis, seconded by Steven Hammond, that the 2016 FCA Annual Business Meeting be adjourned at 3:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

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Jim Reese on the left with Allen Beckett showing us what's under the hood of Jim's 1970½ Falcon.

The story of my 1970½ Falcon really begins a few years ago when I received a call from a Mustang Club friend asking me if I was interested in a couple of 429 cubic inch engines. One still had a C6 attached. I asked more about the engines, but was indeed interested and determined to make the purchase. One was a 1971 engine and transmission and the other was a 1972 engine only. At the time I was working on my 1969 Mustang Fastback and did not want to change the motor in it. So, I started thinking about what the 429 might go in. I had several friends who had Fairlanes and Torinos but I did not know a lot about them at the time, nor did I have one.

About that time a friend offered me a 1962 Mercury Meteor two door he had that was a decent car. Initially I accepted, but later decided against the Meteor. One morning I was talking to a friend in Cabot, Arkansas—Christopher Sword—about Falcons. He said he had recently reacquired a 1970½ Falcon which was in

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really good shape. It was a 302 cubic inch car and very clean. I did a little research and was convinced this was the car for the 429 /C6 combo I had sitting in the garage.

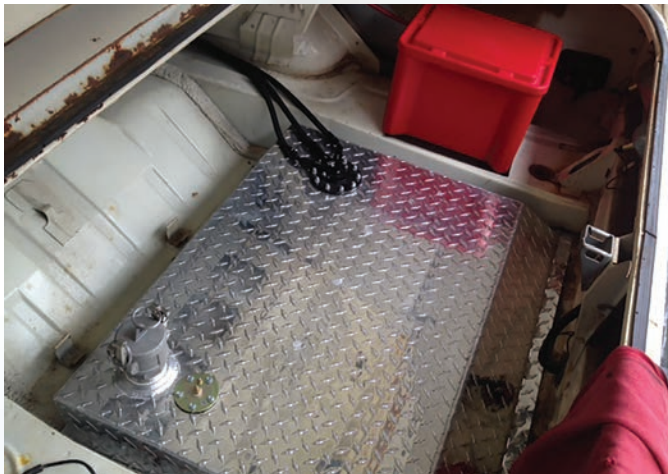
My friend and I made the trip down to North Pulaski Motors in Arkansas and the Falcon was soon on its way home with us. It stayed

unchanged for over a year and we made a trip to Bloomfield, Iowa to a Fairlane Club of America Mini-Meet. While deciding exactly what to do with the car, I mostly drove it around town. Finally, after a discussion with Allen Beckett in Ashland, Missouri, a vision for the Falcon became clear.

The car would stay the same on the exterior but everything else would be rebuilt to match the engine build I had planned. I sold the 1972 429 ci to a guy wanting it for a pulling truck build and had the 1971 429 ci stroked to 501 ci. I set a horsepower and torque goal after many conversations with Allen and a local engine builder. I envisioned a smooth running engine

My 1970¹/₂ Falcon

By Jim Reese



Diamond plate 27 gallon gas tank, engine and transmission just before installation.

that would be easy to drive and have upgraded heads, manifold, roller rockers and cam and EFI. The engine went together smoothly and without any real problems and was dyno'd at 582 hp and 585 foot pounds of torque on a chassis dynamometer. Allen and I set about acquiring parts needed to stand up to that power level. We rebuilt traction bars, built frame connectors, designed and had built an aluminum diamond plate fuel tank because we wanted to go EFI. We repaired rust in the engine bay and moved the battery to the trunk. We then ran the -6AN black fuel lines and the -10AN black heater hoses and hid everything in looms. We modified the upper radiator brackets to hold a larger aluminum radiator, made the original 429 shroud fit and modified a 351C upper radiator hose to fit. A transmission cooler was hard plumbed and hidden under the hood latch along with a polished aluminum overflow catch can.

The eight inch rear end was swapped for a nine inch one with a Nodular center section, Detroit Locker, 3.50:1 gears and 31 spline Strange axles. We added disc brakes in front but kept the rear drums.

The C6 transmission was built to match the engine's new power and installed. We kept the column shift, which took a bit of modification to retain, but soon was working flawlessly.

We used an MSD Atomic EFI unit, hood tachometer like a Twister Special Torino and GT hood scoop, because the EFI would not work with the shaker set up that was on the car. The fuel filler was moved inside the trunk and the original location is now a vent.

I originally had steel wheels but we swapped them for polished five-spoke wheels with 255/60x15 front tires. A new set of 275/60x15 rear tires gave the Falcon better traction and stance. When we had everything completed mechanically the interior was redone in the correct pattern by a friend Michelle Graber Knowles. It turned out great. Once we had the Falcon on the road and any issues sorted out we took it to Shelbyfest in Jefferson City, Missouri. The big Falcon was put on the chassis dyno where it turned in 408 horsepower and 428 foot pounds of torque.

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1960 Falcon two door post, 82K miles, three speed. Ten years ago had new OEM interior, rebuilt 170 CID engine and new clutch. 3,500 miles on engine, new brakes, hoses, m/cyl, etc. Runs good. Needs tires. Small rust in lower fender. Needs front fenders. Good glass and chrome. New gas tank comes with car. Car always stored indoors. \$2,250. Photos at nm2000@live.com. Norm, 417-839-3300. MO. 160910



1961 Sedan Delivery drag car, 500 cu.in big block Ford, Dominator carb., Trick Flow Specialty Heads and intake, built by Johnny Arnold, Arnold Racing Engines, Pensacola Florida and recently freshened by Mike Kennedy, Racing Engine Development, Inc., Trinity, NC. Mild steel chassis built by RooMan (Keith Burgan) in Indianapolis, IN. Best times are 8.80 in the 1/4 and 5.50s in the 1/8. Car comes with two extra complete third members (4.30 & 4.86), a spare top sportsman powerglide trans., and custom built engine stand. Lemon ice paint, all steel except hood, hood scoop, and front and rear bumpers. Onboard fire extinguisher, funny car roll cage, fuel cell and has previously been certified and passes inspection each time. Car is extremely well-built with top-flight equipment and meticulously maintained. Car is titled and ready to go. For additional photos and info., please look at my website, tweetrevenge.com. Many Falcon Club members may remember the car from the National Falcon Convention held in Indianapolis when I ran an exhibition race with Dick Estevez and the Daddy Warbucks Falcon. See *The Falcon News*, May 2007. \$46,000 OBO. David Weich, dweich@carolina.rr.com or 704-829-5435. NC. 160912



1961 Ford Falcon Sedan Delivery. Fuel Injected Cobra Mustang 347 CID, Cobra Intake, SVO Heads, headers, plumbed for Nitrous, but never used by me. Tremec 3650

five speed, power disc brakes, and sprint steering wheel, SVO Mustang bucket seats, original console, Cal-Tracs 90/10 shocks and traction control), Optima battery, three point seat belts, and Ford 9" 31 spline braced rear end with 4.11 posi. Contact Bryce Langley, 918-688-9178 or brdvpra@gmail.com. Asking \$20,000. Tulsa, OK. 160804



1962 Ranchero, 170 three speed column. Light blue exterior with copper color interior. Ready to drive around town. \$6,500. 318-553-4467. Shreveport, LA. 160106

1962 Ford Falcon "Sleeper" and great daily driver. Original interior and exterior. 1993 Ford Ranger V6 4.0L engine and five speed transmission. This car is ready to get in and go; it is a driver's car not a trailer queen. For a complete listing and photos, analoggoesdigital.com/Retirement/falcon-for-sale-container. Email Phill@AnalogGoesDigital.com. 160905



1963 Baby Blue Futura hardtop. Modified 200 and C4. Fresh professional build on engine and transmission. Engine has CI aluminum head, 390 cfm Holley, cam, ceramic headers. Transmission has V-8 clutch pack, shift kit, Hughes TC. Front disc conversion. New axle and wheel bearings. New brakes. \$12,000 OBO. 425-788-4136, gmacdee@hotmail.com. WA. 160804



1963 Futura convertible, red body and interior with a white top, 99% rust free, 260 V-8 and three speed manual floor shift. Interior is new. Car has a new clutch, alum. radiator, and rebuilt carburetor. Runs and drives very well and sounds great. \$10,000. Paul Baines, wpb@comcast.net or 509-995-8647. WA. 160731964 Falcon Sedan Delivery Clone Pro Street. 289 V-8 bored .030 over. Demon Carburetor. C4 transmission. Ceramic

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1964 Falcon Sprint V-8 convertible. Pictures upon request. Three speed, bench seat. Restored 15 years ago. Valued at \$17,500. Call Dave Larkin at 218-407-0690. MN. 160813



1965 Ranchero, 200 ci, T5, header, dual exhaust, and AC. Speed of Sound dash top gauges, front disc brakes, red leather 2006 Mustang seats, driver side power seat, new carpet and mats (not installed). Newer door panels, kick panels with speakers, aluminum radiator, chrome air cleaner and valve cover, new rebuilt 8" rearend with Trac-Loc 3.50:1 gears. Rear Weld wheels with 275/40x17 rear tire, narrow tires up front, rear tires like new, front somewhat worn. Body in good condition, a few rust pops near rear wheel openings and a dent on passenger side bed. Driver front fender has some bondo on top. Paint is not very good but no peeling and cleans up ok. No issues I know of, runs and drives great. Chrome and trim are good, not perfect, but shine up nicely. I am asking \$7,500. Questions and inquiry, contact Jim Reese, 573-864-3153. MO. 160806

1965 Ranchero, runs good, new upholstery, paint, interior, \$4,000. 1965 Ranchero, runs, good body, needs floor pans, \$1,500. 1965 Mercury Caliente, real good body, have all parts, ready to re-assemble, \$3,500. Call Bob at 805-683-3550. TX. 160814



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1965 Futura Convertible, 200/C4, older restoration, but looks good; Rangoon red paint, black interior, lots of recent mechanical work and great cruiser; \$12,995. 1965 Ranchero, 302/three speed, great body, needs driver's floor, good

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1965 Futura hardtop, \$1,200. 1965 Sprint with hood scoop \$3,000. 1965 Futura hardtop, \$800. 1965 Futura convertible, four speed, \$2,000. 1964 Futura hardtop bare body in primer on rolling chassis, \$4,000. 1964 convertible parts

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THE LOW CAR

By Bill Honor



The best place to start our story is how I acquired this mighty and unique Falcon. My son Dillon and I for years have had a passion for '68 Falcons. Dillon has even started a Facebook page for them— 1968 Ford Falcon Group. He came across an ad on the Internet showing a 1968 light tan Falcon. The ad said the car was “a running, driving car.”

We were definitely surprised when we soon discovered it was far from what was advertised. The ad listed suicide doors, but there were no suicide doors on this car. As my son has wisely said, “They all come with surprises; as to what is wrong, you take a chance.” With this in mind, we took a chance and called a transport company and negotiated our price.



You then wait and see what shows up at your door. The surprises unfortunately began to come in fast—way before the car made it to our home.

The transport driver arrived and was surprised the car could not move on its own. The shipping price immediately went up as most transports charge more for a non-running vehicle. The car could move a

few feet, but would then overheat. It had a custom radiator, but it was way too small. This was yet another surprise. The driver loaded up the ride while watching the skies getting very gray. He attempted to roll up the window and... another surprise...there was no window to roll up.

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car, \$500. 1964 Futura convertible, \$1,500. 1964 Futura convertible, \$1,000. 1964 Sprint 289 V-8 with headers and floor shifter, \$2,500. 1964 Futura hardtop with Comet dash and 302 V-8 three speed, \$2,500. 1963 sedan 200 six cylinder, \$3,500. 1963 Deluxe station wagon, \$2,500. JL Branson, 4097 Hwy T, Marthasville, MO 63357. Call 636-228-4501 or email jlwbranson@mail.win.org. MO 16077



1965 Ford Sprint, maroon exterior and black interior. Professional restored, four-speed transmission, V-8 engine. The car only has 3,000 miles on it and has never been in the rain. It has been stored in a climate-controlled garage. It is in great condition. Asking \$25,900. For more information please contact Michael at 401-573-1959 or Michaela@airhartelectric.com. RI. 160813



1966 Ranchero, red with red and white interior. 200 CI six cylinder, three speed stick. Mechanically sound, good driver condition and overall appearance. It was on the cover of the April 2011 edition of the FCA newsletter. Spare NOS and used parts are included. Call Alex, 815-690-2635. \$8,500 OBO. Brookfield, IL. 160805

FALCONS WANTED

I'm looking to purchase a 63½ Sprint hardtop in unmolested ORIGINAL condition. Ideal car will have original 260 V-8, four speed, and power steering. Budget not to exceed \$30K. A project is okay as long as there's not a lot of metal work that needs to be done. Call or email John at 408-628-7397 or jliissandrello@msn.com. CA. 160728

1963 Falcon Futura convertible in red with red interior. Must be in good condition inside and out. Criostoir O. Mordha, 011-353-87-9214413 or C17073@yahoo.com. Ireland.

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Falcon V-8 exhaust manifolds, \$275 pair; 1963 Sprint air cleaner, original, \$250. 1964/65 Falcon driver's side rocker panel, NOS, \$250. Original "Shelby" lettered 289 aluminum intake in very good condition, \$550. John Simone, 413-527-8502. MA. 16102



1963 Ford Falcon Futura complete 170 six cylinder engine with two speed automatic transmission. Mint condition with 63,000 original miles. \$500 OBO. Pick up only. Call or email Richard at 301-873-4777 or wrpbp@inbox.com. MD. 16101

Project completed. Lots of extra 1963 Falcon Futura convertible parts. Selling as a lot: front fenders, hood, trunk lid, bumpers, 170 engine, two-speed transmissions, starters, generators, miscellaneous chrome pieces, padded dash, radio, electrical, gauges, cables, etc., \$2,300 OBO. oliver Jergensen, 360-631-8213. WA. 160103

NOS: 1960 grille, \$195, 1961 grille, \$295; '61 headlight doors, two lefts, \$95 ea; 1960 deluxe wheelcovers, 13" \$195 set of four; 1962-63 Deluxe-Squire 13" wheelcovers, \$195 set of four. Good used 1962-63 Deluxe Squire wheelcovers, \$40-100 per set based on condition. 1962-63 Squire wood grained gas cap in the box, one left, \$295. New hardtop bucket seat upholstery, tan, front and rear seats, \$300 for set. Nice Used: Four Sprint tachs, tested and working, \$195-495 each. Good 1960 grille w/ a scratch, \$95; two 1961 grilles, \$150 & \$225, 1963 headlight doors, \$50-95 a pair; 1962 grille in good shape: \$395, nice headlight doors, with shelf wear, \$95 ea. Re-chromed interior windshield trim for hardtops and convertibles: three piece set, \$250-450 exchange. Good used hardtop windshield trim \$175, driver quality. 1964-65 six cylinder power steering system, stored outside and will need work; VERY RARE; \$495 as is. 1965 V8 power steering, all steering components plus the four turn box, plus Eaton pump/pulleys/brackets, \$695. 1966-67 power steering system: steering box w/ straight through shaft, complete lower linkage, no pump/pulleys/brackets, \$495 as is; may fit '68-70 as well. Two Narrow Pattern Toploader four speeds; one for a 1964½ Mustang; can work in a Falcon but needs Falcon tailshaft housing, this trans is rebuilt, \$995. Narrow pattern toploader with both Mustang/Falcon patterns, has chipped second gear but turns freely, with factory shifter, \$495. All prices are plus shipping. We have a 30+ year collection of Falcon and Comet parts, please call/email with your needs. Call or email Lenny Kellogg, Kellogg's Garage, lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net or 970-593-1964, or visit us at www.kelloggsgarage.com. CO.

Parting 1960-65 Falcons. All parts available. Call Steve at 360-430-0143 with your needs. WA. 160802

USA MOOG front suspension in their boxes for 1965 Falcon/Comet V-8 manual steering. Two inner tie rod ends, two tie rod sleeves, one idler arm, two upper ball joints. Two lower control arms with ball joints, one strut rod bushing kit, two Granada outer tie rod ends. \$285 for everything. Contact Tom, tomlou@comcast.net. MA. 160900

1962 NOS: taillight housings, \$95 each. Lenses, \$40 each. Gold Falcon fender ornaments, L/R, \$95 each. 1962 used parts: hood hinges, \$30 for pair; Holley 1909 carburetor, rebuilt, \$100. NOS: 1962-63 trunk lock bezel, \$150. Aftermarket parts: Cal Custom polished stainless steel half-tube grille for 1962-63. 1962 headlight doors included that are trimmed to fit grille. Excellent used condition, \$295. Foxcraft polished stainless steel fender skirts. fit 1960-63, new in box. \$125. Chrome generator cover, new, \$15. Mike Brown, 901-315-7345 or mbrown@rittermail.com. TN. 160804

1970 302: block clearanced for 347 stroker, ARP main cap bolts, \$250. 1995 302 heads, cast #E7TE, dates 4K22 & 4L12, one pair, \$150. 1995 351W heads, cast #E7TE, dates 5B15 & 5B17, one pair, \$150. 1965 289: four connecting rods, \$50; oil pan, \$35, gold valve covers, \$60; 2V intake, \$75; exhaust manifolds, \$200. 1968 302 4V intake manifold and carb spacer: cast #C8ZE-9425-A, date 8A31, \$300. New AFR 205cc aluminum heads, \$1,850. 1965 289 Hi Po aluminum water pump: cast #C5AE-8505D, \$400. NOS rear brake drum, part #CODZ-1126-B \$80. NOS steering idler arm and bushing part #C0DZ-3350-B \$75. NOS taillight lens, part #C0DF-13450-A, \$30. NOS carb rebuild kits, part #C0DZ-9A586-A & B, \$30.00 each; exhaust hanger, part #C0DD-5A283-F, \$15; rear brake drum, part #C0DZ-1126-B, \$80; Autolite vacuum control, part #C0DF-12370-A, \$18; turn signal plate, part #C0DF-13304-A, \$15. Keith Litteken, 314-480-2556 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO. 160108

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1963 Ford Falcon Futura five (5) like new 13" whitewall radials, \$250 OBO. Four (4) red/white/blue hub caps in good condition, \$50 each. Call or email Richard at 301-873-4777 or wrbpb@inbox.com. MD. 160101

PARTS WANTED

Rear trim trunk panel molding needed for 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint. Looking for a straight piece with no dents or rust. Call Clayton on 602-290-3509 or email healey58302@yahoo.com. AZ. 160807

I am looking for a rear bumper in good condition for a 1966 Falcon Sport Coupe. Bill Crane, email bcra66@gmail.com. IN. 16109

1964-65 clear front windshield for a hardtop or convertible Falcon. I will travel a 200 mile radius from Detroit, Michigan to pickup windshield. Call Ken, 586-322-6236. MI. 160818

Self-Regulating Electric Clock (C2DZ-15A000-A) in good condition for my 1963 Falcon Sprint. Need clock, bracket and all the wiring. John, 408-628-7397 or jlissandrello@msn.com. CA. 160109

I am looking for 1965 Falcon Ranchero headliner bows. Dave, dlcoffelt@cableone.net. ID.

1963-65 V-8 four speed floor hump and shifter assembly complete without handle. Steve, 360-430-1043. WA.

WANTED: 289 Hi Po San Jose built 4 speed radiator, Top tank is stamped: C4ZE W-MO, G2 2-65. 3939-S fuel pump, I am looking for Feb. 1965 date code. My car was built on March 24th 1965 at the San Jose, CA plant. Carburetors for FE engines: part number on air horn C8AF-AD, C8OF-AB & C8OF-AA; also D0OF-S for 385 series engine. FE distributors: part number on housing C8OF-D, C8OF-F, C8OF-H, C8AF-AD, C7OF-F, C7OF-G, C7OZ-D, C2SF-B; also a distributor with C9ZF-12127-D for 385 series engine. Parts must be in excellent condition either used or NOS. Keith Litteken, 314-480-2556 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO. 160108

1962-63 Fender Emblems: I have four NOS right side and need to buy, sell, or trade for left side in NOS condition. Contact Lenny Kellogg at 970-593-1964 or lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net. CO. 160107

I'm the owner of a 1969 Falcon Futura Wagon. The car was sold new here with a 200 ci and three speed. I restored it in the 80s and replaced the six with a 289. I want to convert my Falcon to a 1967 which mainly is to put a new front end on it. I've got me the fenders, grille and headlight doors. I've also bought the parking lights but I am missing a front bumper in good condition. Hood is the same but not the hood lip moulding which I don't have. Both items is kinda rare over here where they didn't sell any 1966-67 Falcons but they did sell 1968-69s.

Is there any possibility to find a moulding? I heard they maybe they are reproduced. I also need a good bumper.

Thanks.

—Leif Lidberg, Sweden, +46 582 150 23

You Ask...We Try To Answer

Q. My radiator appears to have a leak and is making a mess in my engine compartment. Is there an simple way to find the leak and repair it? Can you give me any advice?

Radiator Repair

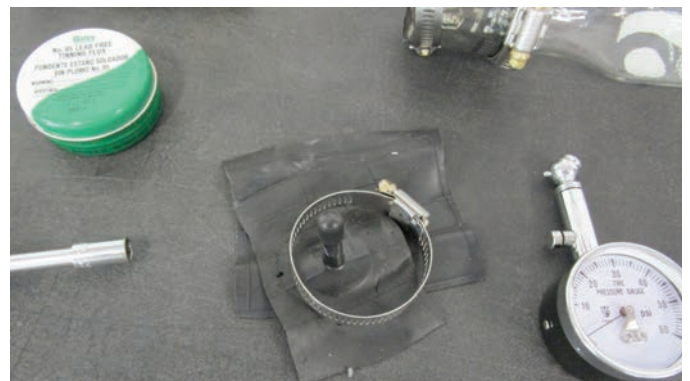
So, you have a small leak in your radiator and it's making a mess in your engine compartment. You don't know exactly where it's leaking. What will it cost to take it to a radiator shop, \$50, \$60, \$100? Here is a simple way to find the leak. All you need is a bicycle or an old car inner tube, a small section of an old radiator hose, a bottle, some hose clamps, and some solder and flux. You can use the same solder and flux used to solder copper pipes in your house.

Cut at least a six inch section of the inner tube with the Schrader Valve in the center. Then cut the inner tube length wise. This will give you a rubber patch with the Schrader Valve in the center. Then cut another 6" section of the inner tube and cut it length wise. This will give another rubber patch. Use a knife and cut a one-half X in the center of this patch. Now place the Schrader Valve through the X hole. If you have a hole punch you can just put a hole in the center instead of the X. This gives you an extra layer of rubber to clamp the Schrader valve to the open radiator hose outlet. The hose clamps will cut into the rubber.

Okay, that takes care of the one radiator hose outlet. Next you will need two hose clamps a bottle and a

A. Yes. There is a fairly simple procedure to identify where the leak is coming from and seal it. Below is a set of steps to help you find the leak and repair it.

short piece of an old radiator hose to block off the other radiator hose outlet. I used a Starbucks Frappuccino bottle as it has a large opening. A plastic iced tea bottle would also work. The pressure used for testing was only 10 pounds.



The Schrader Valve shown was my first attempt and the clamp damaged the rubber. This is why you need an extra layer of rubber and to cut the inner tube at least 6" long.

Use a large opening bottle to block the hose outlet.

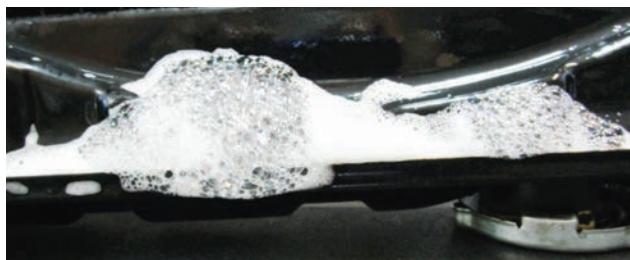


The next thing you need is a spray bottle with some soapy water. Put about 10 pounds of air in the radiator and spray the seams with the soapy water. It will be easy to tell where the leak is in your radiator. Be sure the radiator cap is on and tight and spray around the cap and overflow tube. If bubbles come out your

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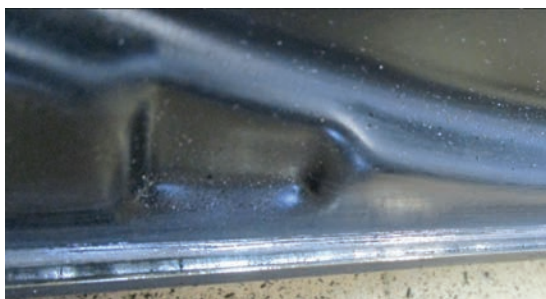


overflow tube your cap might need replaced. This all depends on your cap rating and the amount of air you put in the radiator.



Note the bubbles above at the top seam.

Now that you found the leak you can repair the leak with some solder, flux and some heat. Be sure to clean the surface well with a wire brush. Remove the Schrader Valve, the radiator cap and the bottle before soldering. This will let the heat from soldering out of the radiator.



While you have the radiator out, be sure to pressure test and spray all the seams on the radiator. This is also a good method to check a used radiator before you install it.

If you have a good sturdy inner tube you can hook it up as shown. The inner tube used in the example above did not take 10 pounds and was easily damaged by the grooves in the hose clamp. If you have an old radiator hose you can slice some two inch wide rings to go over the bicycle inner tube before you install the clamps.

—Bruce Wolfe (FCA #949)
FCA Head Tech Advisor
Grantville, Pennsylvania



This professional tool is used to check for leaks. It has a hand pump that installs in the radiator cap outlet.



A complete bicycle inner tube was used to join upper to lower hose connections.

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Way back in 1987, Melvin's Classic Ford Parts was started by selling a boat and buying Gary Goddard's Falcon and Mustang parts business. Melvin has always had old Fords, since he was 15 years old, so the dream was to have his own Ford business. This was just going to be a little thing to go to car shows on the weekend with a little mail-order business added on. Our first car show was in Clarksville, Georgia—true story—we loaded up our parts in our Chevrolet truck (just because we got it cheap) and put out our little display; we had a guy walk up and say, "I need some Ford parts, but you are driving a Chevrolet so I will keep going!" Needless to say the following week we traded that Chevrolet truck for a Ford truck!! We purchased our first trailer from Jim Johnson, JJ's Mustang, until we outgrew it. We traveled to car shows for the first ten years, meeting wonderful people along the way, but that is a lot of hard work. We moved into our Conyers location in 1999.

If we can pass along one piece of advice that we have learned over the years, is that you usually get what you pay for. On so many of the reproduction parts, there are several manufacturers and they do not always produce a quality part. Melvin actually restores his own vehicles and does not farm out anything. If he does not like the quality or fit of a part then we do not sell it. Of course, there is always the possibility of only one manufacturer on a part and then you do not have a choice unless you go with an NOS part—and those are getting few and far between.

Please continue to support our wonderful hobby and hopefully Randy and Jessica will be able to retire one day. It would be wonderful for our little family business to continue for years to come. Who knows, with three grandsons now, anything is possible.

Please be sure to swing by and visit Randy and Jessica when you are near Atlanta; we are only about 20 minutes from downtown and the airport.

We want to thank everyone for an incredible 29 years. It's been a great ride!

—Melvin & Vicky

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Jim Reese's 1970½ Falcon

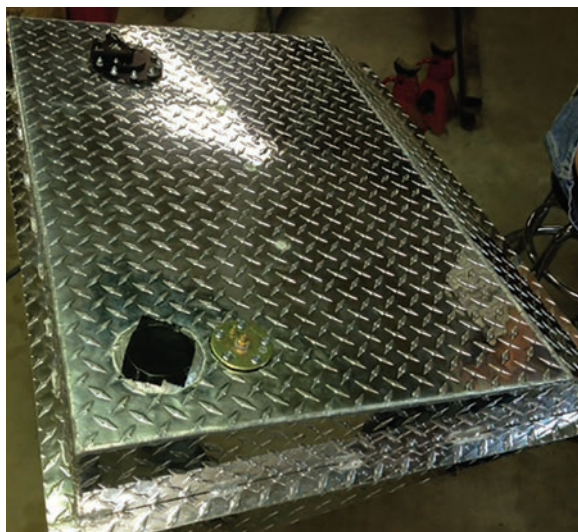


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In May of 2016 I drove the Falcon to the Fairlane Club of America National Meet in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the car ran wonderfully and I encountered no problems. I managed 14 mpg on the trip running 70 to 75 mph on highways and around town. The car rode smoothly on both dry and wet pavement and handled great.

The Falcon turned out just as I had planned in terms of looks and power and on budget. I have lots of people to thank that did more than help create my vision, but mostly Allen Beckett and Michelle Graber Knowles.

—Jim Reese (FCA #12170)
Columbia, Missouri



Top: The Falcon makes its way from Arkansas to its new home in Missouri.
Bottom: The new exhaust system had just been installed at the muffler shop.

Top: The 429 ci engine is shown before and after its rebuild into a stroker 501 ci. Bottom: The aluminum diamond plated 27 gallon fuel tank is waiting to be installed.

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The chrome custom steering column looked great and the car had all working gauges. Well, *almost* all of them worked. We discovered some had never actually been hooked up. That was a minor fix and we soon remedied that.

Not everything was as easily fixed. The advertised "new" leather upholstery was a disappointment. It turned out to be old, ugly, ripped brown vinyl.

The air system was an interesting challenge. My son added a two-barrel Weber carburetor and HDI distributor, along with a new radiator listed to fit a 1971 Torino. Once that was installed, the cooling issues were fixed.

With all the changes added, the car had an abundance of torque and was ready to take on eight cylinder cars. Our friend's 1966 Mustang tried to keep up with my son driving the Falcon and ruined the Mustang's engine. Being a good neighbor, we helped him fix it. Then we nicknamed our car *Mustang Killer*.

This car looks especially awesome at night. It has red halo headlights which can only be used on private property, as they are not street legal. When



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The ad with the Falcon as it looked when first purchased.



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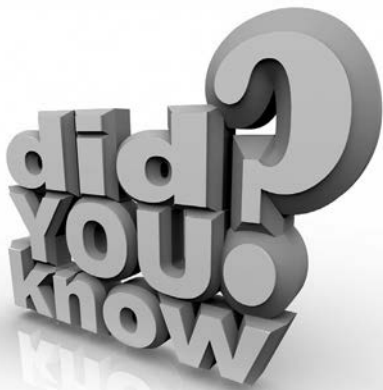
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